

**KENTUCKY COMMISSION ON SERVICES AND SUPPORTS FOR
INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND OTHER
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

**DECEMBER 4, 2020
Minutes**

Members Present

Carrie Banahan, Deputy Secretary
Wendy Morris, Commissioner
Leslie Hoffman, Designee for Lisa Lee
Kim King, Representative
Tom Buford, Senator
Cora McNabb
Dr. Kathy Sheppard-Jones
Kellie McCain
Greta Hylton, Associate Commissioner
Steve Shannon
Julie Sweets
Catherine Buncher
Clayton Carroll
Graham Maupin
Karen Herdina
Annette Jett
Stella Beard
Colby Thatcher
D. Brandon Griffith
Kim Ziegler

Members Absent

Tina Bojanowski, Representative
Julie Raque-Adams, Senator
Andrew Venetianer
Robert Napolilli

OPENING REMARKS

Deputy Secretary Carrie Banahan opened the Zoom meeting and welcomed Commission members and members of the audience. She reminded members of the audience that they would remain muted until the Public Comment portion of the meeting was opened.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Deputy Secretary Banahan welcomed new appointees to the Commission and congratulated those who were reappointed for a new term.

New members and the group they represent are:

- Greta Hylton, Kentucky Department of Education
- Annette Jett, Business Leaders
- Colby Thatcher, Direct Service Providers

- Graham Maupin, Self-Advocate
- Catherine Buncher, Family Members

Members re-appointed for a new term are:

- Karen Herdina, Business Leaders
- Stella Beard, Advocacy Organization
- Kim Zeigler, Family Members

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Motion to approve September 11, 2020 HB 144 Quarterly Meeting with no amendments.
Motion carried.

ANNUAL REPORT

The Commission's Annual Report was filed with the Governor's Office and the Legislative Research Commission. A copy of the report filed was included with member packets.

STATUS UPDATES OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The respective Departments within the Cabinet reviewed and submitted written responses to recommendations submitted by the Employment Committee. A copy of the written responses were included in the member packets.

QUALITY ASSURANCE & CONSUMER SATISFACTION SURVEY RESULTS

Laura Butler, Disability Program Administrator and Dr. Kathy Sheppard-Jones, Executive Director from the Human Development Institute at the University of Kentucky presented findings and analysis of survey results from the Kentucky National Core Indicators project. Also included in the presentation were the 2020 Quality Improvement Committee Recommendations.

A copy of the presentation was included with member packets. Resource documents for additional information and further Commission review and discussion may be found at the Resources tab: <http://www.kentuckycq.org>.

HDI UPDATES

Dr. Kathy Sheppard-Jones, Executive Director of the Human Development Institute (HDI) at the University of Kentucky provided updates of available resources accessible through the Human Development Institute. These include the following web links to information:

- Videos developed related to the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation may be accessed at: <https://bit.ly/36sOF5E>
- The Human Development Institute's webpage to access information and resources that cover the lifespan of individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities: www.hdi.uky.edu

- Dr. Sheppard-Jones recently published a children's book "You Can Do So Many Things" which explores the horse industry in Kentucky. An electronic copy of the book along with ordering information for hardcopies is available at: <https://hdi.uky.edu/ecbook>.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Employment Committee

Dr. Kathy Sheppard-Jones, Chair of the Employment Committee provided an update on the committee's initiatives. The committee submitted one (1) recommendation for consideration:

The Developmental Disability (DD) Network initiated a collaboration with the Kentucky Department for Aging and Independent Living's Division of Guardianship to identify barriers linked between guardianship and competitive integrated employment. This collaboration will include required training (e.g., competitive employment, overview of impact of employment on Social Security Disability benefits, and resources for ongoing benefits analysis) for State Guardianship Supervisory and Field staff.

The recommendation was approved and will be forwarded to the Department for Aging and Independent Living (DAIL) for review and response.

Community Education and Outreach Committee

Karen Herdina, Chair of the Community Education and Outreach Committee provided an update of the committee's current initiatives. The committee submitted one (1) recommendation for consideration:

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the need to reevaluate existing services and cost allowances to meet the needs of people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities in a safe and healthy manner. One identified area of need is affordable access to internet services that promote and ensure a person's ability to receive an array of services and supports while remaining healthy at home. Therefore, we respectfully request the Department for Medicaid Services expand Goods and Services in the Medicaid waiver programs to include the purchase of internet services to access telehealth and other virtual waiver services included in a participant's person-centered service plan as an allowable cost.

The recommendation was approved and will be submitted to the Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) for review and response.

Health/Wellness Committee

Steve Shannon, Co-Chair of the Community Education and Outreach Committee, provided a summary of the committee's work. The committee did not submit recommendations for consideration.

DMS UPDATES

Leslie Hoffman, designee for Commissioner Lisa Lee, provided a brief update related to the Department's ongoing response to COVID-19. The following question was posed by Commission members for follow-up by the Department:

- How might a participant in either the Supports for Community Living (SCL) or the Michelle P. Medicaid waiver program access Goods and Services to cover costs associated with gym memberships or other related equipment?

The question will be formally presented to the Department for review and response to Commission members.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the online audience did not seek to address the Commission.

2021 MEETING DATES

March 12, 2021

June 11, 2021

September 10, 2021

December 10, 2021

Please plan to continue to meet virtually by Zoom

Meeting adjourned.